

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 15 were filed with this application. Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended herewith. Claims 1 - 15 remain in the application.

Drawings

The Official Communication states that the drawings are objected to because the boxes in Fig. 1 should be labeled. Applicants feel that the figure in question and its component parts are sufficiently described in the specification as to be understood. However, in response to the objection, proposed drawing changes are submitted herewith addressing the concerns.

Claims**Numbering.**

It is stated in the Official Communication that the claims are not numbered in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 because the claim numbers appear as [c1], [c2], etc. Applicants note that the present application was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office electronically and that these claim numbers were created and enforced by the software required to perform such electronic filing. In order to clarify the application as filed, a clean set of claims is submitted herewith including appropriate claim numbers.

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PATENT**Rejections.**

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over EPA# 864,933 by Schilekelmann, et al. in view of EPA# 1,098,266 by Nakagiri, et al. It is stated that Schilekelmann provides all elements of the present application except "actually displaying the insert sheet or a cover (preprinted) sheet in plurality along with the print sheets of the print job on the display means." Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and feel that key elements of the present application are not taught or suggested by the cited art.

Unlike the present invention, the blank pages added in Figure 10 of Schilekelmann are actually included in the source file that results from using the reproduction apparatus of that application. The invention described in the present application does not create source files. Instead, the present application describes processes and apparatus whereby a job ticket is added to an existing source file and, importantly, uses artificial pages to show inserts and covers. These artificial pages never become part of the job file and are present in the job ticket only long enough to create the desired output. See, for example, paragraphs 0018 through 0022 on page 5 of the present application. In contrast, the cited EPAs utilize real pages, not artificial pages, and do not discuss or contemplate job ticketing.

Similarly, the second cited EPA, Nakagiri, does not teach or suggest the use of artificial pages which exist only in a job ticket and, in fact, does not discuss or contemplate job ticketing at all. Nakagiri also only shows previews of covers and inserted pages and requires image representations of those items. The present application instead provides for simulation of the images with simple text, simplifying and accelerating the display process. Also, Nakagiri does not provide for manipulation of the inserted and displayed pages, only preview.

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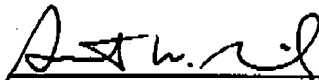
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In light of the comments above, independent claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended to require that the functions and processes described be performed without reflecting the displayed alternate page(s) (artificial pages, as described in the present specification) in the print job itself. As discussed above, Applicants feel that this feature distinguishes the present application from the cited art and provides advantages of flexibility and portability as described in the application. All of the remaining claims depend from one of these three independent claims and therefore include the limitations thereof, rendering each of them patentably distinct over the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendment and related discussion establishes clearly that the cited prior art does not disclose or teach the elements of the claims in the present application. As such, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1 - 15 and request the withdrawal of the rejections and an early allowance of the claims as amended.

Respectfully Submitted,



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